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Kevin and Maria,

Attached are statements from our two employees that dealt with the area and tree in question on the Atlas Peak Fire. Please feel free to give either of them a call.

Matt Kane: Matt is on our local PG&E North Valley contract in Redding California. 530-338-9891

Nate Haack: Nate is on our North Western Energy contract in Montana. 406-750-8738

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

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To whom it may concern,

On Saturday October 14 2017 approximately between 12:00pm and 2:30pm I Matt Kane and my co-worker Nate Haack were patrolling power lines for hazard and burnt trees on the atlas fire in the area of Atlas Peak Road. We began to hike power lines that were not accessible by road. The first hazard trees we found we marked with neon green paint, but we ran out of that color. We hiked back to my truck where I retrieved a can of teal green paint that we used to mark the remaining hazard trees, in that area. From what I remember about the tree in question is that it was a live oak that still had some leaves on the branches, it was severely burnt at the base, it had also fallen and was tangled in one of the high voltage wires. The tree in question was also hung up on the communication wire. After reaching the area where the power lines come back to the road I painted a TC with an arrow on the ground pointing to a easier access point for the tree crew.

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My name is Nathan Haack, and I arrived in Sacramento on Friday the 13th of October 2017 as a volunteer to help PG&E's vegetation management program in the wake of the Napa Valley fires. On Saturday October 14th my partner (Matt Kane) and I were given our first assignment. We were assigned to list possible hazard trees on the burned area of the Atlas Peak Fire, along Atlas Creek Road. Some time between 12:30 and 14:30 we came to a tree that had come down on the lines. One of the primary conductors as well as the communication wire had been knocked to the ground.

We were told to mark trees to be removed with an X and trees to be trimmed for safety marked with two dots; if they were a priority, they were to be circled. At first we marked it with an X to remove, but after some consideration we decided to paint over the X and mark it with two dots so the crew would trim it off the wire since a removal was clearly, no longer needed. By this time, we had run out of neon green paint used specifically for this project, and were marking trees with teal paint instead.

I know with 100 percent certainty that this tree was on the ground when we arrived on the scene, the afternoon of 10/14/17. Its is clearly marked in our notes that the primary and communication wires were down and that a T-Man would be required.

This tree has since become a focal point of an investigation to determine the ignition source of the Atlas Peak Fire.